



Acquisition policy stresses speed, credibility

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WASHINGTON — Speed and credibility are enshrined as top priorities for all acquisition programs in a new policy the Air Force's senior acquisition official approved earlier this month.

The new policy memorandum marks a new philosophy in regulating Air Force acquisition, according to Air Force officials. Unlike the 1993 policy it replaces, which was highly prescriptive, the new one challenges managers to find better ways to do their business without telling them, step-by-step, exactly how.

"The two overarching objectives of this policy are to shorten the acquisition cycle time and to gain credibility within and outside the acquisition community," wrote Marvin Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. "Every action and decision by individuals responsible for program execution must map directly to, and further these two primary objectives."

War fighters are demanding faster delivery of new capabilities to meet unexpected and unpredictable threats, Sambur said. At the same time, Air Force leaders, Congress and others are insisting that Air Force acquisition programs deliver what they promised, on time and on budget. The new policy, which replaces Air Force Policy Directive lays the foundation for meeting both requirements, he said.

The new policy, developed jointly by Air Force acquisition headquarters and Air Force Materiel Command officials, is one of the cornerstones of the Air Force's Agile Acquisition effort launched in late 2001.

"This is a huge step toward freeing our managers to manage," said Gen. Lester Lyles, commander of Air Force Materiel Command.

"We are going to get out of the checklist mentality and eliminate from our processes all the steps that add time but are of little value."

The new policy memorandum, which will be followed soon by a formal, permanent policy directive, makes clear that all acquisition programs must continue to conform to federal law and Defense Department regulations. But it also directs program managers and others to find the best way for their programs to meet those requirements.

"One size does not fit all," said Lyles.

"All activities, reports, plans, coordination, or reviews except those mandated by statute or previously approved by a person in the execution chain, must buy their way into the program. The benefit gained must clearly equal or outweigh the resources expended," the memorandum states.

The memorandum also established collaborative spiral development as the preferred way to acquire systems.

Sambur said too many programs get into trouble because they try to deliver everything the war fighter wants all at once.

"There programs are very complex and we have to stop trying to 'eat the elephant' in one bite," Sambur said. "If we work with our partners-the war fighters, testers, technologists, budgeters and logisticians-and develop these in systems increments, we'll break these complex programs into manageable 'bites.' That will allow us to deliver capability more quickly and give us a much better chance of meeting our cost and schedule goals."

The new policy also underscores the importance of strong systems engineering up front in every program, particularly in the first spiral.

"Systems engineering lays the foundation for success," Sambur said. "When you look at programs that get in trouble, you usually find weaknesses in systems engineering at the outset. This new policy makes clear that we're going to attack that."

The text of the newly approved policy memorandum is available at www.safaq.af.mil/ace.

Three Robins civilians call Saudi Arabia 'the office'

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Sometimes the best way to serve your country is by helping someone else's.

Just ask Sherman Rankin, who along with Larry Kutay and Chuck Dennis, just spent the last 13 months working with the Royal Saudi Arabian air force.

As members of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center F-15 System Program Office International Division, the three Department of Defense civilian employees helped the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia keep its F-15s and associated equipment mission capable and compatible with the U.S. Air Force's F-15s.

It's part of a package deal.

The F-15 SPO has been servicing the RSAF's F-15s since America started selling them the planes in the early 80s. As part of the sale, the Saudis get full 'cradle-to-grave' service.

It began with numerous employees assisting the RSAF with the acquisition phase in the early 80s, but has since become a much smaller compliment whose mission is sustaining the aircraft and training the Saudis on the weapons systems they purchased.

"In my opinion, we have a role to play in Saudi in being allies with that country," Rankin said. "Not only did we sell them the aircraft, but we have a commitment to train them and teach them to be efficient — they depend on us to be there to help sustain the F-15 aircraft."

The work being performed in Saudi is similar to the technical support that comes with a new software purchase, but Rankin said it is tech support and much more.

"We answer technical questions, but there's a lot more to sustaining an F-15 than just technical questions," he said. "You have supply questions, maintenance and training questions. You have MICAP (mission impaired capabilities awaiting parts) issues, which deal with equipment on the F-15 that fail and would (cause them to ground the plane).

"It's the same type of thing we do here at Robins, just with a whole lot less people," he added.

The Saudi mission has three operating locations — one in Riyadh, one in Dhahran and one in Khamis Mushayt. Rankin worked as the lead for a deployed element of five DOD civilians. He was stationed at the headquarters in Riyadh with two others, while Dhahran and Khamis Mushayt were both one-person stations.

Rankin, 45, who has been married for 19 years and has two children, has been an employee with the F-15 SPO here for the past 20 years. But he opted for the chance to broaden his experience base when he competed for a 13-month Saudi Arabian tour more than a year ago.

"It temporarily promoted me in my field, which I felt like I needed," he said. "I needed the experience at my level. It was a hard decision to make — to be away from your family for a year, it's difficult. We did have communication lines though. We were able to communicate by telephone and they had e-mail and of course we had snail mail, which is the (regular) postal service."

Rankin said that although the living conditions in Saudi were adequate, it was nothing like living in Warner Robins.

"The difficult part was being confined," he said. "When you live in Saudi Arabia you're confined — you don't have the movement like you do here. If you want to go down to the store or to a movie theater or even just go for a



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Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson (third from right), Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, tours some of the Royal Saudi Arabian air force facilities during a recent visit. Members of the F-15 System Program Office Program Office International Division are deployed there to support the RSAF.

walk and enjoy the afternoon you just don't have that there like you do here. It's pretty much under military rule. You go to work and then you go back to the base."

But there were some morale-based comforts.

"They had a good support area," he said. "You had church and (activities) like wood-working, pottery and ceramics. There was no movie theater, but there were videos you could rent, books you could check out and stuff like that."

The workdays in Saudi are completely different than those here at Robins, according to John Willis, deputy F-15 international division chief for the F-15 SPO.

"These guys aren't on an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule," he said. "These guys put in an awful lot of time. They're very dedicated — they're really ambassadors for Warner Robins."

Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, who recently visited the RSAF operating locations in Saudi agreed.

"I was most impressed with the 'can-do' attitude of our people over there," he said.

"Our people are very dedicated to getting the mission done and to supporting the Saudi government," he said. "Although there are a few problems in dealing with the Saudis, the main issue is their supply or 'color of money' from their government."

"The RSAF funds come in different pools, requiring different operating procedures," he added. "It's also frustrating for them to get their money, traditionally, on a one-year basis — they can't make any long-term plans. The ability of our people from Warner Robins, to work through that process with them impresses me most."

Because of the seven-hour time difference between Warner Robins and Saudi Arabia during daylight-saving time, and the fact that the

weekend in Saudi Arabian culture differs from the American weekend, it puts a strain on the workweek.

"You can work a full day and still have a full evening ahead of you," Rankin said. "The Saudi weekend is Thursday and Friday. Thursday and Friday are the last days of the week for Robins. There are a lot of questions and work that can't be done on Saturday and Sunday, so you have to go in on Thursdays and Fridays and cram in as much as you can because they (the people at Robins) will be off on Saturday and Sunday."

Rankin said that even so, the hard work brings with it a sense of satisfaction.

"It feels really good," Rankin said. "You have to sustain your customer. That's a state department rule — if not only for safety reasons, then because you have an obligation to

Furry friend



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Melissa Frye, 9, and Robert Frye, 6, visit with Peaches the ferret. The children are staying at the Robins Air Force Base FamCamp this week. During their stay, they visited the Spalding Nature Center where they met Peaches and other animals.

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Robins Pride – Pick it Up, Clean it Up, Make it Shine!



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Countering terrorism takes everyone’s help

By Det. 105 Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Only you know who or what belongs – or doesn’t belong – in your building, neighborhood or work center.

Recognition of this fact is behind one of the latest Air Force antiterrorism initiatives, a program known as “Eagle Eyes.”

The program has characteristics of a typical neighborhood-watch program, and Air Force officials consider it a key piece in the service’s antiterrorism strategy.

According to Special Agent Darren Tillman, commander of Det. 105 of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, the program takes its cue from the experiences of British and Israeli authorities, who have significant experience dealing with urban terrorism.

“They make it their business to pay attention to small things that, in combination, can indicate they’re being targeted,” Tillman said.

“Eagle Eyes is our model for doing just that. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to base authorities could thwart terrorist acts and save lives.”

At Robins Air Force Base, anyone with something to report should immediately call the 78th Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk at 926-2187. From there, security forces will respond as appropriate to the immediate situation and immediately pass the report to OSI Det. 105. From there, OSI will begin appropriate follow-up action, which may include an agent responding to talk with the person who called in the report to gain additional information on what was seen or heard.

At the same time, the information will be quickly up-channelled to OSI’s central analytical center at Andrews AFB, Md., to compare with other Air Force reports, as well as similar information

from the Army, Navy and other federal agencies.

But it all begins at the local level, Tillman said, where terrorists conduct operational planning activities.

“Every terrorist operation is preceded by precursor events that people need to recognize and report,” said Tillman. “Terrorist acts don’t just happen – they are carefully planned and rehearsed many, many times in advance.”

The key, Tillman said, is public awareness of what to look for and take note of – both on and off base.

“This is something the whole community needs to be involved in,” Tillman said. “Anyone – from active duty military members, to family members, to government civilians, contractors and even off-base business proprietors – could see something out of the ordinary, report it, and make the difference between a terrorist act occurring or not occurring. Our best chance to detect and prevent a terrorist act in our community is to vigilantly report it. The more eyes and ears we can enlist to be on the lookout for suspicious activity, the more difficult we can make it for terrorists to act.”

Tillman said people shouldn’t be gunshy about reporting incidents that could turn out to be innocent behavior.

“That’s bound to happen from time to time; but you don’t know if it’s innocent until you report it and have it checked out,” Tillman said. “We’re much less concerned about too much reporting than we are with too little. When lives are at stake, it’s better to be safe than sorry. If in doubt, report it. Your call could make the difference. The bottom line is if something bothers you or doesn’t seem right, tell someone.”

Tillman said activity that should be reported can be classified into seven broad categories which also follow the terrorist model of conducting an attack:

- **Surveillance:** Someone recording

or monitoring activities. This may include using cameras (either still or video), taking notes, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices. It could also be as simple as seeing the same unknown vehicle parked in your area without explanation.

- **Elicitation:** People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person. Any attempts to obtain security-related information, or even basic information about the base, by anyone who does not have the appropriate security clearance and the need-to-know.

- **Security tests:** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

- **Acquiring supplies:** Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes any attempts to acquire military uniforms, base maps, badges, passes, decals, flight manuals or any other controlled items.

- **Suspicious persons:** These are people who don’t seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, etc. Ask yourself. “Does this person have a need to be here at this time?”

- **Dry run:** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

- **Deploying assets:** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person’s last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

ROBINS BRIEFS

Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a standup officers’ Hail and Farewell on today at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the officers’ club. Spouses are invited to attend the event and social that follows. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Levi Spires at 926-0765, or by e-mail at levi.spires@robins.af.mil.

78th promotion ceremony planned

Col. Bonnie C. Cirrincione, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony June 28 at 3:30 p.m., at the Vista Scope Theater of the Museum of

Aviation. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit’s pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Editha S. Garcia or Master Sgt. Michael Stanton, at 926-0792.

Water restrictions on base announced

Due to current drought conditions in Georgia, outdoor water use is not allowed between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Robins Air Force Base. Address-based watering is allowed on an even/odd schedule at other times in military fam-

ily housing. If restrictions change, notification will be made by the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Base road construction

Contractors will be performing construction on Warner Robins Street from 10th to 12th streets until July 31. There will be one-lane traffic in the area the contractor is working in. Flagmen will be directing traffic in the construction zone.

Change of Command

78th Security Force Squadron Pass and Registration will be closed 7:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. today, for change of command ceremony.

Keeping tech data up to date keeps depot running smooth

Center Training and Quality Office

All maintenance work, performed at this and other depots, is governed by AFMCI 21-110, Depot Maintenance Technical Data and Work Control Documents. AFMCI 21-110 states only tech data authorized by T.O. 00-5-1 will be used to perform depot maintenance.

There are several different types of authorized Tech data listed in this instruction.

- Technical orders — the preferred source of technical information.
- Engineering drawings — created and approved by engineering.
- Process orders — complements tech data.
- Nonconforming technical assistance request – Air Force Materiel Command Form 202
- Abbreviated technical data — job guides and checklists approved by engineering.

The WCD used by the technician will identify the technical source applicable to the task. However, remembering a WCD is not tech data is important.

Tech data used by technicians needs to be current before maintenance is performed. To check for currency, ask the T.O. file technician to pull the latest change applicable to the specific technical order. Check the latest change of the T.O. against the change posted. They should be the same. Next, check the list of effective pages against the pages of the tech data being used.

Tech data should be reviewed regardless of how many times a technician has performed a particular task. For critical tasks as defined in AFMCI 21-108, the T.O. should be open to the correct page and in use. The WCD will state perform task IAW applicable T.O. A different task may state reference applicable T.O. In this situation the T.O. should be readily available to the job site.

Proper tech data will be used for all maintenance tasks and operations. This year the inspectors will be doing no notice task evaluations. This means they could walk by a person performing a task and stop and do a task evaluation. The first thing they will look for is any obvious safety violation, but then they will want to see the tech data. All workers must be able to show them. If this can’t be done, it is almost automatically a failure. Also be sure to pay attention to any cautions, notes or warnings in the T.Os. The inspectors are sure to look at that as well.

Remember, all maintenance work requires the use of tech data. Questions about tech data should always be directed to a supervisor, who should be able to give the proper guidance.

We need your input!

What do you think about the Robins Rev-Up? We'd like to know. Take a few minutes and do the online newspaper survey at: www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm. The survey runs until the end of June.



Satellite simulator helps strengthen communication

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Gates
5th CCG Public Affairs

The military has used simulators for some time – teaching pilots to fly, security forces to recognize threats and strategists to practice tactics.

Now, communicators can practice working with one of the Defense Department’s newest satellites without a signal ever leaving the ground.

Students at the 5th Combat Communications Group are learning to provide better initial communication for war fighters, thanks to a satellite simulator. The students are training at the group’s Systems Learning and Integration Center. This center, known as the SLIC, lets new technicians get hands on training for each of the group’s tactical communications systems.

One of the basic tactical systems – one of the first often on the scene in a contingency – is the Hammer Rapid Initial Communications Kit, or Hammer RICK. The Hammer RICK system is a portable satellite communications system, allowing the user to send e-mail, faxes or voice communications over a satellite.

Proper use important to success

As one of the first systems, being able to use this system correctly is incredibly important to providing much-needed initial communication, said Master Sgt. Frank Norris, 5th CCG systems engineer. “Getting students trained on Hammer RICK, and what to expect during a contingency, is extremely important,” said Norris. “The people setting up this initial communications are often the first people on a site. It is essential that they know what they are doing.”

Currently, trying to access a military communications satellite for training purposes is like trying to make a phone call on Thanksgiving – nearly impossible.

“After September, the real-world requirements for satellite time increased enormously,” said Staff Sgt. Bradley Thrift, Hammer RICK expert and SLIC instructor. “It made it difficult to teach students how to use tactical communications equipment.”

Hammer RICK uses the Demand Assigned Multiple Access constellation of satellites–zone type of tactical equipment able to access this constellation. Using this satellite, controllers are able to assign frequencies to multiple users, so users may simultaneously access the satellite. “Every other satellite can only allow one user per channel at a time,” said Thrift.

“No matter how much bandwidth, or how much information the user is sending, as long as they have access to that satellite channel, no one else can use the channel. Any unused bandwidth is wasted.” With DAMA, users are still scheduled for satellite time – however, more than one organization can use the channel at the



Courtesy photo
Airman 1st Class Autumn Olsen and Airman Ihsan Roberson program frequencies into the Hammer RICK system.

same time – each unit only uses the bandwidth they require, said Thrift. If one user is sending message traffic over the satellite, they can send that information at the same time that another unit might be talking to their home unit, in real time, over the Hammer RICK.

The satellite simulator allows Thrift to emulate a DAMA satellite without ever leaving Robins. “I can use this simulator to ‘grant’ access to a satellite channel, monitor the performance of the channel and send and receive order wire commands.” The order wire channel sends configuration information between the terminal and the satellite controller’s systems, usually to perform maintenance. “The order wire channel is often the first communications connection made to the other end,” said Norris.

The type of precision available through the DAMA satellite simulator is very important to training future communications experts, Norris continued. Since there is no difference between talking to the simulator and actually talking to the satellite, the students will learn exactly what they need to be qualified technicians.

Systems use same software

“The system uses the same software and the same commands that the satellite controllers use,” said Thrift, who has set up deployed communications around the world as part of his tenure in the 5th CCG. “There is no other way to accurately simulate this – the simulator is very important to making sure our technicians know what to do during a real world contingency. They have to be able to experiment with the equipment and discover its capabilities for themselves.”

The 5th CCG established the SLIC to promote that type of discovery and experimentation for all future technicians. When the group fully implements the SLIC, the experts there will provide all the system training a new communicator needs to become proficient in their specialty. That training will include hands-on training and opportunities to experiment with different equipment combinations and techniques.

“This is great,” said Thrift. “It truly helps our training programs.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera
Senior Airman Corey J. Crow, 78th Security Forces Squadron, takes aim at a target at the Robins Air Force Base sniper course.

Local police use sniper course

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On command, 19 police officers took off and sprinted to a target 100 yards down the firing range. In a split second, they turned around, sprinted back to their starting positions, dropped down for 20 pushups and fired their weapons. Their assignment was to bury a bullet in the outlined head of their target.

It was last Thursday, 95 degrees at the Robins Air Force Base Firing Range, and no one was complaining. The 19 were keenly aware that they were practicing the potentially life-saving skills they had talked about in classroom training. They were gaining experience in how the body will respond in a gunfight.

“Breathe — deep, cleansing breaths,” instructor Derrick Bartlett said.

The police officers were in an advanced sniper class sponsored by the Warner Robins Police Department in cooperation with the 78th Security Forces Squadron for

three members of the 78th and police from Warner Robins, Houston County, Macon, Centerville, Fayetteville, Savannah, Fulton County, Woodstock, Rome and Mountain Brook, Ala.

Two instructors from a South Florida non-profit organization known as Snipercraft taught the five days of classroom and rugged field training. Bartlett founded the organization, and serves as president of the American Sniper Association.

Bartlett, a member of the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Police Department, said there’s more to being a sniper than the well-known images seen on the evening news. The best marksmen are not necessarily good snipers — because snipers have to be skilled in observation, handling stress and making split-second, independent decisions. He cited an example from his own police experience.

Beach-goers in Fort Lauderdale reported

Selected demobilization begins for Air Force

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced Monday that a planned demobilization of reserve component forces would be limited in scope, affecting only selected groups of people across the service.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said Air Force officials are formulating a plan to determine the right mix of active-duty, Reserve and Guard forces.

“Our mobilized guardsmen and reservists want to know when to expect demobilization,” he said in the May 3 edition of “The Chief’s Sight Picture.”

“The deputy chief of staff for air and space operations is coordinating an effort to evaluate our mission needs and determine which Air Force specialties can be demobilized as soon as possible. At the same time, we are evaluating where, when, and how to shift from a crisis response mode — with heavy reliance on mobilized Guard and Reserve — to our ‘new steady state,’ which would utilize volunteer guardsmen and reservists to help meet our mission tasksings.”

“We need these results to determine our long-term requirements for our mobilized members and how long to continue Stop-Loss for those in our most stressed skills.”

More than 30,700 Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard men and women were called to duty following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Another 7,900 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve volunteers are serving on active duty.

Most of those will remain for the duration of their activation orders, said Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs.

“Many will serve until the expiration of the period of mobilization specified in their activation orders,” Dominguez said, “unless that period of mobilization is extended by the secretary of the Air Force. When the command that issued the original mobilization determines that the specified forces are no

longer required to perform the mission for which they were mobilized, they will be demobilized.”

Other situations, such as involving a rotational plan agreed to by the affected active-duty and reserve component commands, will also likely result in demobilization, Dominguez said. Other guidelines apply for those Reserve and Guard people who were ordered to active duty following the terrorist attacks.

“Under certain circumstances,” Dominguez said, “individual reserve component members ordered to active duty may be deactivated and discharged, or returned to reserve component control without the necessity of SECAF-level approval.”

Those circumstances include discharge for cause (for conduct or performance problems), medical reasons or personal hardship, when the needs of the Air Force will allow it.

Other circumstances include deactivation when the person is determined to be unqualified for medical reasons, when he or she is experiencing an unexpected temporary hardship, or when they are deemed unqualified because of a lack of prescribed training.

The procedures for deactivating those men and women who have volunteered and been accepted to remain on extended active duty differ slightly, Dominguez said.

“They will be deactivated on the day before the date of entry on extended active duty,” he said.

Dominguez added that the responsibility for a suitable transition time for those who demobilize rests with commanders.

“Commanders will ensure that members who are deactivated or discharged are allowed adequate time to complete necessary travel and complete medical evaluation, if required,” he said.

“They will also be allowed time to use any accrued leave, if they desire.”

Wing- and base-level military personnel flights have more information on the demobilization of Air Force reserve component people.

78th SFS reminds of entry list procedures

78th Security Forces Squadron

All personnel who have a planned event on Robins Air Force Base are required to supply the 78th Security Forces Squadron with an entry access list. An EAL is needed for all events when five or more guests are expected, who do not have independent access to the base. In order to sponsor non-base affiliated people onto Robins AFB, the sponsor must be a person already with independent access to the base.

- A typed letter signed by the sponsor, at a minimum, must have:
- An alphabetized list with the first and last name of every person needing entry onto

the base

- Location of the on-base event
- Time and date of the on-base event
- A phone number where the sponsor can be contacted by the security forces
- Signature of the sponsor.

Five copies of this EAL must be hand delivered by the sponsor to the 78th Security Forces Squadron Police Services, no later than 72 hours prior to the planned event. All personnel will be checked against the barment roster to ensure all guests are authorized on the installation.

Questions pertaining to these procedures should be directed to the 78th Security Forces Squadron Police Services at 926-2118.



American Force Press Service photo by Jim Garamone

‘United We Stand, United We Sew’

A Pentagon hallway’s not big enough to completely unfurl a patchwork U.S. flag made by the Pennsylvania-based group “United We Stand, United We Sew” and loaned to the Defense Department June 14, 2002, for two weeks. Dozens of hand-painted flags and more than 3,000 miniature American flags were stitched together to create the 21-by-31-foot finished product.

Drug sweeps deter abuse

By Maj. Robert Rottschaefer
78th Medical Group

A unit drug sweep involving the 93rd Maintenance Squadron was conducted on June 2, at the request of the squadron commander.

When unit sweeps are conducted, all personnel assigned to the squadron, from the commander to the lowest ranking person, must submit a urinalysis sample.

The squadron commander did not choose to sweep the squadron because of suspicions of drug use or discipline problems. Unit drug sweeps are used by commanders to deter drug use and to enforce the high standards the Air Force has traditionally held in regards to substance abuse.

Air Force leaders have been encouraging unit commanders to consider conducting sweeps because of the influx of new illegal

drugs on the market and the rise in illegal drug use among certain groups of people. Some drugs, such as Ecstasy and GHB — the date rape drug — have short detection times, and unit sweeps help detect and prevent problems with these drugs.

According to Col. George Johnson, the 78th Medical Group commander, Robins Air Force Base can expect more after-duty hour drug testing in the near future.

While Robins’ leaders understand the inconvenience this may place on Air Force members and their families, deterring drug use has become a larger priority because of the tremendous dangers involved with it. “Illegal drug use is incompatible with military life, and simply will not be tolerated,” said Johnson.

The bottom line is, refrain from the illegal use of drugs and avoid the consequences.

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sustain your customer. You have to do everything you can so that they can be self supporting so they can fight wars and be mission capable.”

Willis, who has been involved with the RSAF since the program’s inception, said when parts or information are needed to get the job done, the shortcomings in the Saudi funding system can slow things down.

“It can take anywhere from a day to a year,” he said. “Once, the Saudis had several airplanes that were all grounded because they needed rivets. Two general officers were touring Robins and borrowed five pounds of rivets – they come in one-pound boxes. They hand carried the rivets in their suitcases back, and we were able to put seven airplanes back in the air.”

Willis went on to say that even with the occasional problem, the program is working, and the RSAF commander praises the Americans who work there.

“When we get letters from the RSAF commander saying that our program is the best-managed program they have and serves as the model for other programs to follow, that’s a high reflection on the people we bring over from Robins Air Force Base,” he said.

But along with the praise, there are still some rough areas, according to Stevenson.

“Their depot in Dhahran is their central processing area for parts support,” he said. “We need to put a U.S. representative there to serve as a liaison and help manage their process. Although they have excellent facilities, their parts support through their own depot is lacking.

“An example,” he continued, “is that if Khamis, an F-15 base in southern Saudi Arabia, requisitioned 100 parts for their F-15s, they would send their requisitions to their depot in Dhahran. Dhahran in turn



Courtesy photo

Sherman Rankin, of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center F-15 System Program Office, and Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, WR-ALC vice commander, display the going away gift presented to Rankin in Riyadh.

would send them here to Warner Robins for support. However, funding constraints cause their Dhahran depot to filter these requests, and we at Warner Robins only receive about 30 percent of what Khamis originally requested resulting in a significant number of grounded aircraft.”

Even so, Stevenson said attitudes are good.

“Morale is very high,” he said. “It’s a long way from home for our people, but the Saudi Government and the Saudi people are very gracious. They’re great hosts and they’ll do anything for you. Considering the hot conditions and being away from home, I think morale is high – our people get a sense of accomplishment when they complete a task that’s difficult in a foreign country, and they do a fine job of doing it.”

Rankin, who has turned over the helm

of Operating Location Riyadh to fellow Robins employee Willie Hargrove, said that what he missed most about America was his family. But when he got home he knew the first thing he wanted to do was get them all together and go out to dinner with them. His daughter didn’t let him pick the restaurant though.

“She doesn’t let me choose,” he said with a laugh. “She knows all the good eating places, she’s a daddy’s girl and a little spoiled.

“I missed just being here,” he added. “Basically, you’re in a desert environment. It’s hot all the time and there’s very little rain. You’d be surprised at how you miss the trees ... you miss colors, just everything. You can’t believe how beautiful Middle Georgia is until you live in the desert for a year and then come back.”

First sergeant job becoming special duty

By Tech. Sgt. Jurita G. Barber
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The job of first sergeant in the Air Force will become a special duty assignment Oct. 1, according to the first sergeant career field manager at the Pentagon.

As a result, said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Gilbert, new first sergeants will no longer be required to cross-train into the job, and most can return to their old Air Force specialty after a three-year tour.

The change comes as a result of a 15-month review by the office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force. The current first sergeant program fails to meet Air Force needs, Gilbert said.

“We have 1,200 active-duty first sergeant positions, and we are currently short 120 people in meeting our program needs,” he said. “This translates into about

20,000 Air Force troops, commanders and family members not being properly served.”

A major goal of the change is to attract more senior enlisted leaders, some of whom may not have wanted to permanently leave their functional specialty, Gilbert said. Unlike the current cross-training program, the special duty program is designed to return members to their original career field after serving as first sergeants.

The new program will broaden the experiences of more noncommissioned officers and better prepare them to serve as senior enlisted leaders in their functional areas and beyond, Gilbert explained.

“This program will help us deliberately develop some of the top enlisted leaders we will need in the future,” he said.

Tour lengths will also change. The first tour will be three years. About two years

into the tour, the member can apply for another three-year tour, and, depending on Air Force needs, may be selected for a second tour.

First sergeants will continue to test for promotion against others with the special duty skill, Gilbert said.

“While promotion rates for those in first sergeant assignments have historically lagged behind Air Force averages, we found those returning to their functional communities do very well promotion-wise,” he said. “Their experience is obviously highly valued.”

After Oct. 1, the changes will be phased in as new people come into the program. While many new first sergeants will be required to return to their old career fields, those already serving as first sergeants can remain in the first sergeant program

or return to their previous jobs.

“These folks stepped up and did what we asked them to do,” Gilbert said. “They’ve served us well, and we need many of them to continue on as first sergeants. But we do want to give them a greater opportunity than they currently have, to go out and do more good stuff for the Air Force.”

The responsibilities, duties and expectations of first sergeants have increased over time, and the Air Force is gradually setting up a system that will give greater opportunities to more NCOs who want to demonstrate leadership and have a say in what is going on at the unit level, Gilbert said.

“There’s no better job in this Air Force than the unit-level first sergeant,” he said.

Sniper

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a man claiming to be a Navy Seal was going up and down the beach area.

When police arrived, the man jumped into the inter-coastal waterway, swam out to a boat named “Defiance,” and took nine people hostage. The man fired several shots during the encounter, which lasted several hours and included intensive efforts by police negotiators.

The high point of the drama was when the gunman came out with his rifle to the head of the boat’s captain. Inexplicably, the incident ended when the gunman put his weapon down and surrendered.

Active police snipers and tactical personnel organized Snipercraft in 1992 to bring quality training to police organizations. Bartlett said he became active in Snipercraft because he felt “an obligation to pass on what I have learned over the years” and for a much lighter reason — “it’s fun.”

He said one of the major reasons police need advanced training is to keep pace with criminals, who are “becoming more sophisticated and violent.”

The sniper course included classroom review of procedures the officers had learned in other training, tracking, observation skills and writing police reports. They also reviewed real-world cases and lessons learned from

them. The course’s fieldwork included how to avoid detection and survival skills.

Warner Robins Police Chief Dan Hart, whose department has a sniper element on its tactical team, said the course was “not a cruise-through class.”

“They shoot out in the sun in what is a very intense and physically demanding class,” Hart said. He explained that the department relies on

snipers to be the experts on getting the team where it needs to go efficiently and safely and for surveillance.

One example would be snipers paving the way for a team to reach “a meth (methamphetamine) lab or a marijuana-growing operation in the middle of nowhere.”

Hart described the course as a “no-nonsense” class that presents a series of worst-case scenarios — “if you can

handle those, you can handle anything in the real world.”

Derrick said one of the challenges the police community faces is committing the resources to equipping and training snipers. Equipment alone — accurate, durable weapons that can put a bullet through the head on a dime from 200 yards; night vision technology and personal gear costs run into the thousands, he said.

2nd Lt. Paul Zwilling, chief of the 25-member 78th Security Forces Training and Resources Flight, said he is working to set up an emergency services team, which would include a sniper element.

“We are still thinking the whole thing out,” he said, “but the team would include entry and cover teams, sniper element, explosive expert.”

Warner Robins PD Capt.

Steve Lynn said the partnership arrangement with the base has worked well, giving his department a chance to bring to the area quality training not normally offered and to raise the skill levels of Warner Robins and other police personnel.

Chief Hart said it is one example of a long-standing, excellent relationship the base and community police agencies share.

C-5 leans forward to provide America strategic lift

In the wake of Sept. 11, the call has gone out for strategic airlift to aid in our nation’s fight on terrorism — Operation Enduring Freedom. The C-5 Galaxy has answered that call.

As the backbone of our nation’s strategic airlift, this behemoth hauls outsized, oversized and drive-on/drive-off cargo like no other, projecting the full strength of U.S. military power around the globe in a moment’s notice.

To date, the C-5 has flown only 29 percent of the Enduring Freedom airlift missions, but has hauled more than 48 percent of the total cargo and nearly 33 percent of the total passengers.

In this time of national crisis, our nation needs this precious airlift capability more than ever. We must take the fight to the enemy ... on their soil.

What are we doing to help?

First and foremost we are feverishly working to reduce programmed depot maintenance flow days in an effort to maximize aircraft availability for the war fighters.

Dedicated professionals within the C-5 System Program Office adopted lean as the vehicle to help drive down depot maintenance flow days.

First, what is lean?

Lean, based on Toyota production model, is simply a systematic methodology for analyzing

processes and removing waste in those processes.

The focus is on providing “value to the customer” by streamlining processes, removing waste and pursuing perfection in process execution. Now, after that definition, you might be saying to yourself, “Oh, yeah ... sounds like another one of those touchy, feely flavor-of-the-month management programs.”

However, trust me, it is not. Dedicated execution of lean principles applies a common-sense, methodical approach to problem-solving that yields results.

My deputy production division chief, Danny King, notes, “Lean was necessary to break a lot of institutionalized paradigms by providing focused versus centralized industrial support to the mechanic.

“In many cases, these centralized industrialized support processes were adding waste to our processes that took mechanics away from their primary job — working on the aircraft. The early vision of lean was to improve upward communication from the workers to help identify these potential areas of waste which

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By Col. Frank Bruno
Director, C-5 System Program Office



would improve process efficiency and keep mechanics working the aircraft. We knew that this would in turn drive down flow days.”

Process a success

Early lean results confirmed this thought. In the C-5 pylon shop, lean efforts reduced average work-flow days from 23 to 14 days. Parts kits were established for pylon build up and a standard work package was developed which helped eliminate mechanic walk around time.

In the landing gear and tire shop, standard work cells were developed, production control boards were implemented and the appearance, organization and functionality of the work area was completely re-engineered.

This helped reduce average work-flow days from 14 to 11 days.

It is important to note that C-5 lean implementation is not merely a series of unconnected process re-engineering events throughout the SPO.

Instead, it is the execution of a coordinated strategic vision.

Back in July, key personnel got together and mapped out the entire C-5 PDM process from start to finish as it exists today. From this, many targets of opportunity became readily apparent. There were more than 52 macro PDM processes averaging 339 days to complete. Additionally, within the PDM process we identified nearly 22 different times the aircraft was moved to complete maintenance work.

From this, we mapped out an ideal state in which the number of macro processes were streamlined into eight work cells with visual production controls and forward deployed parts kits with visual cues to easily “pull” parts to the mechanic. Additionally, the number of aircraft moves was reduced from 22 to five.

In this ideal state, PDM flow time would be reduced to consistently less than 180 days. This began the C-5 lean journey focusing on streamlining the individual PDM sub-processes to support the macro goal. Lean events began in the production support areas and then moved to core C-5 production tasks.

We estimated that it would take

12-18 months to make a “first pass” at all of the PDM sub-processes and that it would take about five more of these “passes” over the course of three to five years to further refine and retain the process improvements.

However, as Willie Bowman, one of my production team leads notes, “Lean does not come without a price. It requires a big upfront investment of your best and brightest workers to complete the lean events over the course of several days. However, the sacrifice is well worth it when you see the plans and process changes coming to fruition.”

Lean and change

The bottom line is that lean must produce change. Our workers want to see it. Our bosses want to see it and, ultimately, our customer expects us to consistently meet a 180 flow day requirement to put more heavy lifters on the ramp.

Lean is the way ahead for C-5 PDM. As in any competitive activity, we need a good offense and a good defense.

Lean represents the defense because it takes a proactive approach to prevent mistakes (fumbles, interceptions, dropped passes, turnovers, etc). In the end, lean will help maximize aircraft availability and provide strategic lift for America in her time of need. Things are looking up in C-5 Country.



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

Commanders’ Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at [https:// www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm](https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm).

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam
Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center



Gate guard duty

Q: This is in reference to civilians serving as gate guard ID checkers. First, for the most part civilians in my product directorate, other than the production division, are being “drafted,” unless an individual has medical documentation, by service date for this detail and not “volunteering” as noted in General Wetekam’s letter of appreciation to personnel who have served as gate guard ID checkers.

Second, I would like to know why civilians are still serving as gate guard ID checkers since Robins has reservists and active duty on hand.

Also, why isn’t every product directorate, tenant organization, etc., providing personnel for this duty? These people come through the gates every day just as the gate guard ID checkers do. If personnel in the production areas are allowed to take leave, it should not hurt production to have them pull their turn at the gate.

I understand we are a nation at war and I appreciate the fact that we all should be willing to serve any way that we can. I believe we all want to do all we can to help in the battle against the evil of terrorism this nation is currently fighting.

Personnel in my directorate are working daily – long days, nights and weekends, if necessary – to keep the troops supplied with the parts they need to protect our nation and to destroy the enemy. I just don’t understand

the rationale for drafting personnel for gate ID checkers.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: We appreciate everyone’s efforts to win our war on terrorism, whether in the workplace or at our entry control points at our perimeter fence line.

Based on your action line, we’ll update our letters of appreciation to recognize that all participants are not volunteers. The continuation of 100 per cent identification checks at the gates has drained our pool of volunteers and extended our READY program beyond its intent.

Lessons learned will allow us to strengthen our READY program to possibly include civil servants, as is practiced at the other Air Logistics Centers, and to better structure the process for their participation.

Now, and in the future, the use of non-volunteers may still be required and their use will be in accordance with civilian personnel and union rules. Our use of personnel, both military and civil service, will be executed to prevent unacceptable degradation of a unit’s mission. This effort may continue the need for non-volunteers, both military and civil service.

Fortunately, we have been blessed with large numbers of Reservist to assist our security forces members throughout the base, not just at our gates.

As this Reservist force may decrease, we may have to rely on even more military and civil service personnel to help protect Robins

Air Force Base, depending on our force protection conditions.

I’m confident that both volunteers and non-volunteers, military and civil service, will continue to meet the challenges of a force protection assignment so that our multiple missions on Robins AFB will continue to excel.

Learn-to-swim device

Q: With the base pools just opening I took my 5-month-old daughter to the pool on Pool Drive. I live two houses away from there. Not knowing the policies of the pool, I asked the life guard if infant boats were allowed. I had seen them used last year.

She informed me that no devices without Coast Guard approval were allowed in the pool.

The “boat” that I have does not have approval displayed on it, but is made to introduce infants to the water for the first time, not to play in.

It is part of a series of devices to help kids learn to swim. My request is to reconsider this rule.

I understand not wanting rafts and beach balls taking up space in the pool. But consider the kids who can’t swim and need a learner’s vest or floaties or, in my daughter’s case, a boat.

I also understand there is a kiddie pool at the officer’s club, but why should I have to pack up and drive across base when I have a

pool almost in my back yard?

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thank you for the opportunity to confirm the floatation device policy in our base pools and to ensure our lifeguards enforce it during the entire swim season.

Air Force Instruction 34-110, Air Force Outdoor Recreation Programs, requires only properly fitted Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (type I, II, III) be allowed during open recreational swim periods.

This information was published on page B-3 of the May 3 Rev-Up. It was also posted on the services Web site.

Other types of flotation devices can create a false sense of security in the minds of children and parents, which can lead to very dangerous situations.

In the past two years lifeguards made more than five rescues directly related to non-approved flotation devices within the first 30 minutes of opening the pools. Personal flotation devices are on the market that are designed for infants and children that are Coast Guard approved and thus are allowed in our pools on base.

Thanks to your call, I’ve talked with our Army Air Force Exchange Services here and they will work with their buyers to expand their current selection of flotation devices supporting our Air Force instruction.

If you have any further questions, contact Robert Willis, outdoor recreation, at 926-4001.



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On common ground

Union, Center REACH out to youngsters

By Geoff Janes
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There is the story of two men, one with a fishing hook and the other with a strong line, who put their resources together and were able to feed their village. Steve Rodgers envisioned a joining of resources here to help our country's most precious assets — children.

In his version, base leaders and union officers from Local 987 of the American Federation of Government Employees unite to find more volunteer mentors for Middle Georgia youth. He pitched the idea. They liked it, and a unified effort is moving forward. Rodgers was given the go-ahead to help recruit mentors through a program already going strong at Robins, but with the potential to do more.

Rodgers, a union steward and pneumatic mechanic in the C-141 System Program Office, hit on the idea while working as a substitute teacher at Westside Elementary School in Warner Robins when he heard that Houston County schools need nearly twice as many mentors as have volunteered.

In the weeks ahead, Rodgers will be campaigning among union members for mentors in the coming school year for Raising Education Achievement for Children in Houston County, commonly known as the REACH program.

REACH, which has been spearheaded by the Contracting Directorate here for five years, has brought countless children into contact with solid adult role models.

But REACH's coordinator agrees that the number of children in need of mentors always far exceeds the number of people who step forward to help.

"We need volunteers very badly," said Laura Davis, who works in the Contracting Directorate. "We have about 100 mentors right now, but the schools told me we could use at least twice that many. A lot of children could use a mentor, and those who don't have one are constantly asking,

"When am I going to get one?"

And with the school year starting in August, the time to get involved is now, according to Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Air Logistics Center commander.

"I was delighted that Steve Rodgers approached me and (vice commander Brig. Gen. Larry) Stevenson to propose this idea. I cannot think of a more worthy or vitally important endeavor than guiding children, and the energy of a strong push like this will mean that many more children are reached than could otherwise have benefited," said Wetekam.

"Given our resources, I wholeheartedly agree that this is a natural project for the union and base leadership to work together on."

AFGE Local 987 President Donald Thompson, also met the idea with enthusiasm, encouraging Rodgers to run with his plan to recruit union volunteers, and even setting up the initial meeting

for Rodgers with Wetekam.

"At our regular membership meeting on June 14, 2002, a motion was brought to the floor and unanimously passed by the membership to wholeheartedly endorse AFGE 987's involvement with the REACH program," said Thompson. "We at Local 987 feel that this partnered program has the potential to build bridges between the two parties and will undoubtedly benefit the community."

To date, Rodgers says he has already actively recruited five volunteers from the union pool, is networking with 10 others, and will continue working to sign up more.

"We're putting out columns in the union paper," he said. "And I'm talking to the union president about a

mail-out that covers all of the particulars of the program, the aspects of it and what's needed. I also want to let (possible volunteers) know about the satisfaction of helping one of the kids.

"We need people who have the initiative to get involved and make a difference," he added.

REACHing children

The REACH program is coordinated through Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Houston County, and is affiliated with Parkwood, Lindsey, Westside and Pearl Stevens elementary schools in Warner Robins.

REACH pairs adult volunteers with children in Houston County elementary schools. The mentors spend, when possible, an hour each week with the child at school. They can use this time for study help or visiting.

Volunteers must attend an interview and training session as well as undergo a background check before they can participate. The hour they spend mentoring during the school day must be made up at work, but according to Davis it's for a worthy cause.

"We are trying to spend some time with kids who need extra attention — kids who have the ability to do well, but who, for whatever reason, don't," Davis said. "It gives them just another role model,

someone who can read, do math, talk and just be there for them — people whose lives are going well, to show the children 'this is not out of your reach.'"



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera

AFGE Local 987 and base leaders have joined forces for kids. From left, Steve Davis, ALC executive director; Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, ALC commander; Laura Davis, REACH program coordinator; Steve Rodgers, union steward; Donald Thompson, AFGE Local 987 president; and Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, ALC vice commander; discuss recruiting methods for the REACH program. The program pairs volunteer adult mentors with at-risk children.

Davis said that although anyone who wants to be a mentor will be considered, the program is in most need of male volunteers.

"We really need men," she said. "There are so many children who don't have fathers in the home or in their lives."

But even though there are not nearly enough volunteers to go around, Davis said the program is working.

"When we talk to the teachers, there are success stories," she said. "Particularly when there are behavioral problems. They tell us if a child has behavioral problems, after they get a mentor the problems go away. And the teachers say the students want to do well to make their mentors proud."

Base leadership has always supported the program, but according to Davis, there seems to be an increased interest in the program since Wetekam and Stevenson have assumed command at Robins.

"They are really behind it," she said. "I think it's because they are both very service oriented and very community oriented."

Stevenson says he is completely behind the REACH program and the prospect of a union shot in the arm to

increase volunteers.

"I think it's great. Children are our future," Stevenson said. "It's our responsibility to help give them the tools necessary to dream and to build toward those dreams."

Stevenson won an Air Force-level award last year for initiating a mentoring program at Randolph AFB, Texas, that brought at-risk children from local schools to the base for a day to see what aspirations the military might inspire to keep them motivated. He has already laid plans to start a similar program here in the fall.

Davis said that while being a mentor for an hour a week may not seem like it would have much of an impact on a child, the results are there.

"Be willing to give it a try," she implores. "Give up that hour a week. It's not that much, and a child really needs it."

Rodgers echoes her plea. "We need people who have the initiative to get involved and make a difference."

Editor's Note: Anyone interested in learning more or joining the REACH program can contact Laura Davis at 926-6094 or Steve Rodgers at 926-4288, or e-mail Davis at laura.davis@robins.af.mil.

Patriotic show slated for July 3

By Senior Airman Rebecca Collins
Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve

For patriotic Middle Georgians, Warner Robins is the place to be on July 3. The Air Force Reserve Command will present its annual Independence Day Concert and fireworks show at McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive.

"We are honored to be able to salute those who have been tapped to support Operation Enduring Freedom from Team Robins," said David Ballengee, the producer of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. "We will make every effort to pay a formal tribute to them and their service to the country, and to honor the family members of those who have been deployed. What better time than our nation's birthday to honor our heroes?"

The patriotic spirit is also at a high level within the ranks of the band.

"Independence Day celebrations, for me, are the highlight of the year," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Miles, horn player and operations representative for the band. "It is a chance for us to perform for the troops, residents and families of the local community, and getting everyone together to celebrate our country's independence is one of the best things this band does."

Joining the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve in this salute to our nation will be the Houston County Honor Band and Grammy award-winning and world-renowned vocalist, Gary Morris.



"We are very excited to have our great friend and an extraordinary performer, Gary Morris, with us this year," said Ballengee. "He is an outstanding entertainer, whether he is performing his hit song 'Wind Beneath My Wings' or a tune from his starring role as Jean Valjean in 'Les Miserables.'"

In true American style, a spectacular fireworks display will follow the concert. Funded by local businesses, the display gets bigger and better each year.

As a convenience for those who serve and defend our country, the Robins Air Force Base Transportation Office will provide shuttle service for

military and Department of Defense civilian personnel from various pick-up points on the base to the former Robins West Shoppette located near the stadium's rear entrance. Those authorized persons wanting to take advantage of this service may call 926-3493 for details.

The stadium will open to the public at 6 p.m., with the main stage show beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Ample seating is available in the stadium bleachers or the infield, and attendees are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. Picnic baskets and coolers are allowed, but may be subject to search.

Grammy winner to perform at concert

By Senior Airman Rebecca Collins
Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve

Music lovers take note: a top-notch entertainer will be in Warner Robins to help celebrate our nation's birthday. Grammy award-winning and world-renowned vocalist Gary Morris will share the stage with the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve at McConnell-Talbert Stadium on Wednesday, July 3. The stadium is located on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins.

The stadium will open to the public at 6 p.m. The Houston County Honor Band, comprised of select musicians from the county's four high schools, will perform at 7:15 p.m. and the main stage show starts at 8 p.m. Local radio and television personalities Gerry Marshall and Laura Starling of 99.1 WDEFM and Mary Therese of WMAZ-TV 13 will host the show. A fantastic fireworks display will follow the show.

The concert is sponsored by the Middle Georgia Newspaper Group, the Warner Robins Civitan Club and the Warner Robins Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Admission is free. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

"We are very excited to have our great friend and an extraordinary performer, Gary Morris, with us this year," said David Ballengee, producer for the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. "He is an outstanding entertainer, whether he is performing his hit song 'Wind Beneath My Wings' or a number from his starring role as Jean Valjean in 'Les Miserables.'"

Morris has the distinction of performing for royalty throughout the world and all the living United States Presidents. In 1984, his original rendition of 'Wind Beneath My Wings' won both the Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music Song of the Year Awards.

Currently, Morris can be seen in the powerful and moving Gary Morris and the Art of the Tretjakov, playing on PBS affiliates around the country. Unlike any other concert special, it allows audiences intimate access to a world of paintings housed in the famed Tretjakov museum in Moscow that have rarely, if ever, been seen in the West. The museum houses over 100,000 Russian masterpieces.

TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15.



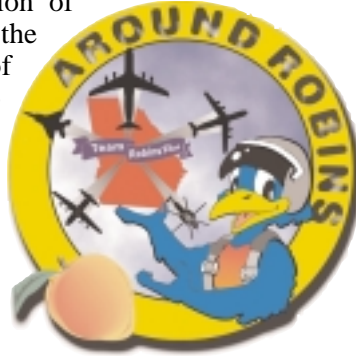
Friday

Robins Report: 8 p.m. – News from around base.

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. –

On this week’s Around Robins there will be an interview with Sharron Wilhelm, recreational assistant with 78th Services Outdoor Recreation. Wilhelm will discuss the lodge at Luna Lake, how to rent it and several other amenities and services in the area. Two segments on the Museum of Aviation include one about the recent induction of four Georgia aviators into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, and another on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new B-52 exhibit. On Money Matters with Gene Kirkland, base financial counselor, get tips for rebuilding credit.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – This week’s Inside Robins will feature an interview with Col. David Schreck, commander of the 5th Combat Communications Group. Schreck will discuss how 5th CCG plays into contingencies, mission since 9/11, use of Reserve forces and other topics.



Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**
1 p.m. - **Around Robins**
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**
12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**
1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11. Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.

Today — Big Trouble (PG-13)
Starring Tim Allen and Zooey Deschanel.

A mysterious suitcase found in the city of Miami brings together and changes the lives of a divorced dad, an unhappy housewife, two hit men, a pair of street thugs, two lovestruck teens, two FBI men and a psychodelic toad. (language, crude humor, sex-related material)



Saturday — Frailty (R)
Starring Bill Paxton and Matthew McConaughey.

A once-idyllic Southern family, a father and his two young sons are tested in extreme and unexpected ways when dad announces that he has been visited by an angel who has entrusted him with a holy mission to destroy demons who pose as ordinary men and women. (violence and some language)

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

● **Brigid P. O’Hearn**, Avionics Management Directorate. Point of contact is Sam Kenley, 926-6816.
Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

We need your input!

What do you think about the Robins Rev-Up? We’d like to know. Take a few minutes and do the online newspaper survey at: www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm. The survey runs until the end of June.



SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services facilities holiday hours

Aero club administration and sales closed July 4–7.

Auto hobby shop closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 6.

Base library closed on July 4, resume normal hours on July 5.

Base restaurant closed on July 4 and 5, Saturday mobile trucks will not be running.

Bowling center closed on July 4 and 7, open on July 5 and 6 at 6 p.m.

Child development centers closed on July 4 and 5.

Civilian recreation office closed July 4–7, bingo closed July 4–7. Big bingo will be played on July 3 at base restaurant.

Command support staff closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 8.

Enlisted club open at 5 p.m. on July 4 and 5. Rockers bar menu available, normal lounge and bingo operations, on July 6. Resume normal hours at Rockers, Press Box closed on July 5 and 6. Normal hours on July 7 with lounge and bingo operations, no brunch.

Family childcare closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 6.

Fitness center open on July 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on July 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Resume normal hours on July 6.

Flight line dining facility closed on July 4, resume normal hours on July 5.

Food service office closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 8.

Golf course open on July 4 normal hours of operation.

Honor guard, mortuary affairs and readiness closed July 4–7, resume normal hours on July 8.

Human resource office closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 8.

Information, Tickets and Travel closed July 4–6, resume normal hours on July 8.

Lodging has normal hours of operation.

Marketing closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 8.

Nature center closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 6.

Officers’ club closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 6.

Pizza Depot closed July 4–7, resume normal hours on July 8.

Rental center closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 6.

Resource management office closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 8.

Skeet range open on July 4 from noon to 6 p.m., closed on July 5, open July 6–7 from noon to 6 p.m., resume normal hours on July 8.

Skills development center closed July 4–7, resume normal hours on July 8.

Smith Community Center closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 8.



Teen center closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 6–11 p.m.

Veterinary services closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 8.

Wood hobby shop closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 6.

Wynn Dining Facility has normal hours of operation.

Youth center closed on July 4 and 5, resume normal hours on July 6.

Aero Club 926-4867

Safe Summer Cash-In offers aero club members the chance to win \$250 worth of flying hours or merchandise by attending safety meetings June through September. Bi-monthly safety meetings offer members information on flight safety as well as an opportunity to network with other aero club members. During the course of the program members will have eight chances to win. For more information on Safe Summer Cash-In or membership, call the aero club.

Golf Course 926-4103

June’s Monday special at the golf course is play unlimited golf for \$20. Special includes green fee and cart. On Tuesdays, play 18 holes and have lunch for \$20, includes cart and green fee.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Press Box is open for dinner 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. Come enjoy 1 pound of crab legs for \$11.95 today and Saturday, and two-for-one grilled chicken breast for \$12.95 on June 28 and 29. Reservations are welcome.

Get out of the heat and get wet with the club pool party Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

World Wrestling Federation King of the Ring pay-per-view will be aired at the club Sunday at 8 p.m. Cost is free to members and \$5 for guests.

Air Force Club membership scholarship program is underway. Club members and their families can apply for the Air Forces Services sixth annual club membership scholarship program, sponsored by First USA Bank. Three scholarships will be awarded — \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. Nominees must provide an essay on “Air Force Clubs – How to continue the tradition” and a single-page summary of their

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Robins Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

Pre-TAP briefing

A pre-TAP briefing will be conducted Tuesday, 1-3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 250. The Transition Assistance Program is offering a briefing for personnel and their spouses who are within one to three years of separation or retirement. This session is designed to help individuals get a head start on long-range retirement and separation planning, benefits and other information. To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Bundles for Babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180. This class is specifically designed to assist new parents. This program is open to all active duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Interviewing Q&A

The Transition Assistance Program offers a workshop on interviewing question analysis Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905, Room 141.

This interview class is designed for anyone who already knows about interviewing from attending programs like the Department of Labor three-day workshop or other interview skills classes. It is also for those who have actually done interviews but want suggestions on how to approach or answer specific questions they were asked. Advance registration is required.

Center closed

In observance of Independence Day, the center and Family Services Loan Closet and Airman’s Attic will be closed July 4 and 5. Normal services will resume July 8 at 7:30 a.m. at the FSC and 10 a.m. for Family Services.

Personal financial fitness

The center has a personal financial management training series, developed to educate military personnel, their spouses and youth

accomplishments. Nominations are due to services marketing by July 15. For additional information, call Sherry Trauth at 926-5492. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Expressions 926-0304

Fill out the “Give Us Your Ideas” entry form on page 24 of the June Edge magazine and drop it off at Expressions, located at the base restaurant, for a chance to win a \$10 gift certificate.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Rally up for the 2002 Squadron Challenge with Robins Air Force Base and the Macon Braves. Through July, military and civilians of any squadron or division can plan group trips to Macon Braves games for a chance to be the best. First sergeants and designated members of various units may purchase tickets from Information, Tickets and Travel. The group with the most participation wins an exclusive VIP party with the team, including giveaways and tickets to future Macon and Atlanta Braves games. Tickets are \$3.50 each. Call Information, Tickets and Travel or ask your first sergeant for more information.

Tickets for the June 28, 6:30 p.m. Atlanta Symphony Orchestra engagement at the Georgia National Fairgrounds/McGill Exhibition Hall, Perry Ga. are on sale at ITT.

Wild Adventures in Valdosta is bigger and better than ever. ITT is here to help you enjoy the fun closer to home. Save up to \$4.95 per person when you buy your tickets at ITT.

Save money by making vacation plans with the Armed Forces Vacation Club. A seven-day condominium lease is \$234 per week. Locations are available around the world. For more information, call 800-724-9988 or go online at www.afvclub.com. The Robins AFB AFVC installation number is 79.

Library 327-7379

The base library will hold a children’s summer reading program themed “Where in the world are you reading?” through July 31. Special meetings will be held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for the children enrolled in the program. Guests from around the world will speak each week about their different languages, customs and cultures. This nine-week program will culminate with an ice cream party at the library on Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. Drawings at the party will include a bowling birthday party certificate and Robby the Robin beanie toys.

on financial issues relevant to their day-to-day lives. This self-paced series provides the basic financial tools to function in today’s complex society.

Call the center at 926-1256 for computer time to check out this program and begin working on a financial plan.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia will present a workshop on money and credit management on June 28, 1-4 p.m., in Bldg. 905, room 127.

Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights are presented along with help in developing budgets and savings plans. To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Back to school

A college basics workshop will be conducted on July 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137.

Information covered includes the application process, factors to consider when selecting a school, GI bill information and researching scholarships. To make reservations for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Airmen's attic

The Airmen’s Attic program supports junior enlisted members who are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to screen and use items in the attic to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also receives and provides children’s clothing, toys and military uniforms.

Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman’s Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a wish list. All E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic and list their needs on the wish list. When a large item is donated, a member is called by order of sign-up date, Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next Airman’s Attic Drawing for Army Air Force Exchange Service furniture will be held on July 2.

For additional information, contact Diane Thielemann at 926-6648.

Give parents a break

The Air Force Aid Society, in cooperation with the Family Member Support Flight, has agreed to provide funding for childcare under a program that offers eligible parents a few hours break from the stresses of parenting. Parents may use this time to suit their personal needs.

Under the program the AFAS pays the cost of having the base child development center and the youth activities center open the first and third Friday of each month from 6:30-10 p.m. hours for families referred to the program.

Play ball!



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Bryan Reed
Ray Sterm prepares to hit one deep for the Office of Special Investigations in their 11-7 intramural softball loss to the 93rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball tournament

The Women’s Varsity Softball Team is hosting a softball tournament June 28-30 at the base softball fields. The cost is \$185 and the USSSA sanctioning fee is included. The tournament will be double elimination and both men and women are welcome to play. For more info call Bernita Allen at 327-3055, Lisa Sanders at 926-9276, or Dre’ Carr at 327-2662.

Fitness Center 926-2128

Kids mini track and fun run is Saturday at 9 a.m. Sign up at the youth center.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

Beat the heat with bowling center summer savings. Get a stamp for every snack bar, pro shop or open bowling purchase costing more than \$2. Collect five stamps for a chance to win up to \$500. A total of \$200 in cash prizes will be awarded on July 8 and 19 and on Aug. 2 and 16. The grand prize of \$500 will be awarded on Aug. 30. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. There is no limit to cards that may be turned in. Every Thursday Preferred Plus! members get a free stamp by showing their club card. Call the bowling center for complete details. No purchase necessary. To receive an entry form, write to HQ AFMC/SVXA, Bldg. 262, Room N236, 4375 Chidlaw Road, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433-5006

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YOFAM bowling, kids 12 and younger bowl for \$1 when accompanied by an adult paying regular price. Limit two kids per adult.

Youth Center 926-2110

Registration will be conducted July 6 through 13 from 3 – 6 p.m. for the following sports: Youth cheerleading, ages 5 – 12 year olds. Youth tackle and flag football, ages 11 to 12 year olds for tackle and ages 5 –10 year olds for flag; cost: members, \$45 and nonmembers, \$50. Youth fall soccer, ages 5 – 18 years old; cost \$50, members and \$55, nonmembers. A dedicated commissioner and coaches for cheerleading, football, soccer are needed for the fall sports program. No experience is required and training will be provided. Apply in person at the center or call for more information.

Submit sports information to 1st Lt. Bryan Reed in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday for consideration for Friday’s paper. Submit stories and stats in person, by fax at 926-9597 or by e-mail at bryan.reed@robins.af.mil.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

As of June 17

Team	Wins	Loss	Tie
19 ARG-1	11	0	0
78 MSS/	13	1	0
WR-ALC			
LBP/C130	11	1	0
5 MOB-1	10	1	0
OLD	10	2	0
CROWS			
93 ACW-1	8	2	0
12 ACCS	9	3	1
78 SFS	9	4	0
78 CS	8	4	0
HQAFRC	7	4	0
93 MXS/LG	6	5	1
78 MDG	7	6	0
19 ARG-2	6	6	0
128 BS	6	7	0
78 CEG	5	6	0
93 ACW-2	5	6	0
93 CSS	5	7	0
116 BW	4	8	0
AF OSI	4	8	0
93 MXS/AGE	3	9	0
AHZ	3	9	0
367 RCG	3	10	0
53 CBCS	2	9	0
5 MOB-2	2	10	0
CGOA	2	11	0
653 CLSS	2	12	0
78 OSS	1	11	0

Local group attends Girl Scouts’ 90th birthday

By Chris Zdrakas
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Five local Girl Scouts accompanied by troop leaders and parents celebrated the Girl Scouts’ 90th anniversary on June 8 in Washington, D.C. The girls were Kimberly Hage, Andrea Tingerthal, Mary Graul, Christina Saunders and Brittany Barnes.

The event was billed as “the world’s largest Girl Scout Sing-Along,” bringing in more than 100,000 scouts from across the country.

Capt. Eileen Shields of the 78th

Civil Engineer Group, troop leader, said the girls sold 2,700 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, sold wreaths at Christmas and babysat for Robins’ Christmas parties to raise money for the trip. Out-of-pocket expenses for the Thursday-through-Monday trip totaled a few hundred dollars.

The girls earned their travel and museum badges during the trip.

“It was really a lot of fun to work with the girls all year long on this trip,” Shields said. “It was thrilling to see the look on their faces when



they came to understand that they could accomplish what they set out to do. They are a wonderful group of girls.”

Shields started in Girl Scouting at 7. The rest of the adults on the Washington trip also were former scouts: Co-leader Tina Hage; 1st Lt. Michelle Gill of the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron; parent Marty Graul, a registered nurse; and parent Margaret Garrett.

“My mother was a Girl Scout and a Girl Scout leader,” Shields said. “Girl Scouting was a big part of my life, and it helped me immea-

surably. I think it’s important to give some of what I gained back to today’s girls.”

The sing-along was held at the base of the Washington Monument and featured women pop stars joining in at various times during the day. The girls, all daughters of base civilian or military personnel, also visited the Capitol, Senate, Supreme Court, Arlington National Cemetery, two of the Smithsonian museums, the Washington Monument, and the Vietnam and Korean veterans memorials. They rode the metro and bus system, learning different types of public

transportation and how to read subway and street maps. As part of the travel badge experience, they were required to budget their money for food and other essentials, to do all the trip planning and to study airport security.

At the museum, they had to look at behind-the-scenes operations — security, accommodating the disabled, what they believed needed improvement and why, and museum careers.

They also took part in the extraction of DNA from a cow as part of the badge requirements.

FMA to sponsor manager of the year award

By Chris Zdrakas
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The Federal Managers Association’s Chapter 121 is seeking nominations for its Outstanding Federal Manager of the Year Award.

Military and civilian supervisors or managers at all levels are eligible if they have made significant contributions in 2001 toward the achievement of one or more of the following objectives:

- Greater efficiency and cost effectiveness in the federal work force
- Increased productivity and improved quality

through innovative management and leadership

- Achievement of greater return on the taxpayer’s investment
- Identification and elimination of fraud, waste, and abuse.

Sandra Portz, chairman of the FMA Awards Committee, said any employee, supervisor, manager or organization may submit nominations. A panel of community judges will review the nominations and select the winner or winners.

Nominations must include original and six copies of the following:

- A narrative description in Microsoft Word — no more than two pages, single spaced with no less than one-inch margins at the top, bottom and sides; use 11-point Arial font. Include local community accomplishments/ contributions, workplace accomplishments/contributions and FMA involvement, if applicable.
- A brief biographical sketch not exceeding one page listing nominee’s name, current position, work experience, educational background, organizational membership, awards

and family data.

- Citation not exceeding 90 words.

- Any employee, supervisor, manager, military member; person, professional or private organization approved to operate on Robins AFB; and any directorate, staff office or hosted unit at Robins may submit nominations.

Deadline for nominations is on July 12. Anyone with questions may contact Portz at 926-3682.

Nomination packages must be delivered to her at 78 ABW/XPRC, Bldg. 215, Room 311.

HAWC SCHEDULE

- Evening Weight Loss:** July 1, 4:45–6 p.m.
- Diabetic Seminar:** July 8 and 10, 7:45 a.m. to noon
- Diabetes 101:** June 24, 8:45-11 a.m.
- Evening Diabetes 101:** July 18, 6:15-8:30 p.m.
- Healthy Heart:** June 27, 8:45-11 a.m.
- Evening Healthy Heart:** July 18, 3:45-6 p.m.
- Fit Stop:** Wednesdays, 3-3:40 p.m.
- Stress Management:** July 11, 1-2 p.m.
- Prepared Childbirth:** July 9, 7-9 p.m.
- Newborn Care:** June 27, July 25, 3-5 p.m.
- Lactation Class:** July 11, 3-5 p.m.

HAWC hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

For more information, contact the HAWC at 327-8480.

ROBINS CLUBS

Company Grade Officers Association - meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Georgia Room in the officer’s club.

Federal Managers Association - meets periodically. A variety of speakers provide information to ensure excellence in the federal workplace. For information, call Jan McDaniel, Ext.926-2564.

Major General Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. — meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 a.m. at a location designated by the executive board. For more information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, public relations officer, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested individuals may also contact German T. Acree, president, at work at 926-6881 or at home at 953-6261.

Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government – meets the fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the base restaurant in the private dinning room. Guests may attend. For additional information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, chairman publicity committee, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested people may also contact Fred Wilson, president of Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government, at fred.wilson1@robins.af.mil.

Military Surviving Spouses – meet on the second Monday of the month for dinner at 6 p.m. in the officer’s club. The meeting follows. Any widow or widower of a retired spouse is eligible to be a member. For more information, call 923-1204 or 923-1098.

National Contract Management Association - meets once a month in the officers’ club. For information, call Misty Holtz at 926-7121, or Maj. David Hincks at 926-3666.

Network 56 – Information for Network 56 can be found online at https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/Network56. The page has information on meetings, links for noncommissioned office development, the organizational charter and news about Network 56.

Officers’ Christian Fellowship – meets each Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff or Nancy Smith at 953-7834 or Chris or Deb Holinger at 218-4598.

Officers’ Spouses Club — If you are new to Robins

Air Force Base and your spouse is eligible for officers’ club membership, the Officers’ Spouses Club would like to extend a warm southern welcome to you. Call Sandi Smith at 971-4359 to receive a welcome packet.

P r o c u r e m e n t Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate’s conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information, call Marian Hartley, 926-0886; or Bob Valdez, 926-9332.

Ravens Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate’s conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door 6A. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-9867.

Reserve Officer’s Association - meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club. For information, call Lt. Col. Barry Taylor, 327-1191.

Robins Top 3 Association - meets the third Thursday of

each month at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Gray at 327-8079, or Senior Master Sgt. Ida Koepke at 327-8312.

Robins’ Voices International Training in Communication Club — meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant. For information, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429.

The Retired Enlisted Association Warner Robins Eagle Chapter 94 – meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Warner Robins American Legion Post 172 on Watson Boulevard. For more information, call Dan Toma at 757-2525 or Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

Editor’s Note: Information provided by club members. If your club or group’s information changes, notify the Rev-Up staff so that the club listings may be updated.

CIVILIAN RETIREES

The following are civilian retirees from the end of May through the beginning of June.

Frederick Bolden Jr., HQ AFRC/FMARB
Allan Carey, TINRGC
Lewis R. Carter, LYPEL
Hamza Chekiri, LYST
James Q. B. Cobbs, LREG
W. David Collins, LJPPA
Mary Harnage, 78CS/SCXP
Pedro Hernandez, LEACB
Robert N. Jones, TINMM
William P. Jones, LYPMIH
Michael T. Land, HQ AFRC/FMFA

Ronnie D. Larsen, LYPEEA
Marian M. McClain, LGMH
Wilbert McClain, PKX -(LE)
Patti S. McCoy, PKX
Nathan Martin, LJPPF
Cameron L. Miller, TIEL
Marvin Murray, PK
Johnny R. Sanders, LFPA
Robert F. Shiver Jr., LYPFDA
Edward Singletary, LFPA
Jackie J. Warner, LYSFE
Paul E. White, HQ AFRC/LGMS
Joyce E. Woodard, TINMMB
Betty H. Young, LFPW
George W. Young, LJPL

HONOR ROLLS

Murray Jackson, electroplater in the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate, was named TI Employee of the Month for February. Jackson performs and supports numerous types of electroplating and metals treatment processes. He has been instrumental in identifying and resolving both process and equipment shortfalls in the plating area.

Terrie Reid, management analyst with the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate, was named TI employee of the month for March. Reid serves as the Industrial Products Division resource manager for more than 1,350 employees. She tracks all personnel actions and analyzes personnel data for meetings and briefings; she assists and advises supervisors on personnel changes and policies; and she establishes new core documents as needed. With her expertise and dedication, she submitted approximately



Jackson

Reid

Barringer

Byrd

115 personnel actions to personnel prior to the implementation of the new modern system.

Bob Barringer, an instrument mechanic supervisor with the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate, was named TI supervisor of the month for April. Led by Barringer, the Gyro Shop increased its production in order to exceed the customer’s demand of surge requirements. Barringer continuously motivates his employees and maintains a constant level of superior work.

Charles Byrd, contract repair program controller, for the Avionics Materiel Management Support Division, Avionics

Management Directorate, LY, is the winner of the LY Director’s Silver Eagle Award for the month of May. Byrd came to LY as a Sacramento Air Logistics Center transfer who arrived with a let’s-get-the-job-done attitude.

He distinguished himself as a major end item production management specialist. Byrd worked aggressively to increase repair at Tobyhanna in Scranton, Penn. After being reassigned within the directorate, he mastered contract depot maintenance activity group performance analyses and reporting in record time. Also, he volunteered to learn the role of production management specialist requirements file maintenance reviewer.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Catholic CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.

Protestant services take place every Sunday at: 8 a.m. inspirational; and 11 a.m. traditional.

Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

Summer dining has dangerous potential

By Bill Morrow
WR-ALC/SE

This is the season for being outside and bringing our meals with us. Picnics, ball games, the beach and barbeques are a few of the many events where food is a major player. Along with invited guests and friends will be those that are not invited.

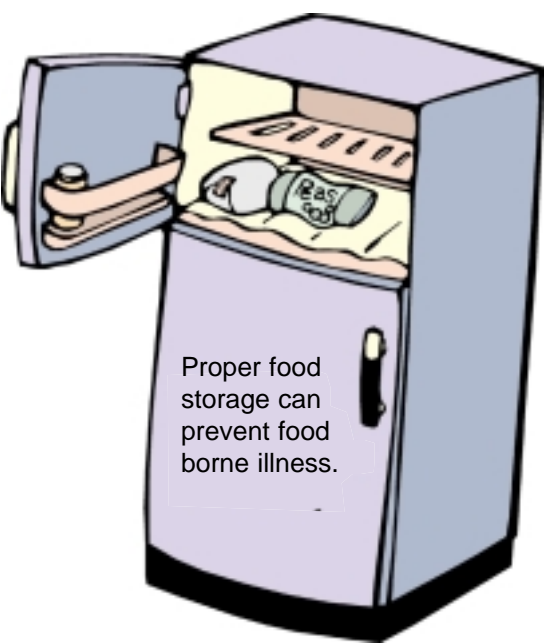
According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention there are 75 million cases of food borne illness and 5,000 related deaths each year. These statistics result from contamination of food by bacteria. Bacteria growth is a temperature-related activity, such as hot food becoming cold or other foods becoming warm. If the food isn't placed in the fridge within two hours after cooking, it should probably be thrown away.

Foods don't last forever. Salads don't age well and are only good a day or two. Any meat, including poultry, cooked at home may be good for four days. Things like pasta or rice might have a three-day refrigerator life while pizza should be consumed the next day, at the latest.

When transporting food keeping it chilled or hot as appropriate, will go a long way to staying off bacterial growth. Chemical ice packages last quite a while, keeping food chilled. Preheat containers for hot foods before putting the food in, and try to keep hot foods hot. Reheat to serving temperature whenever possible.

If preparing vegetables and meat, chop the vegetables before cutting the meat if using the same cutting board; or wash the board between uses. Never use a platter containing raw meat juices to carry cooked meat back from the grill. Wash the platter while the meat is cooking or get a clean plate. Also, fruits and vegetables should be washed thoroughly in cold water.

Why these precautions are taken can



become painfully obvious. The reactions of nausea, vomiting and fever are common threads among the different types of food borne illnesses. Salmonellosis, commonly found in egg products and undercooked poultry, as well as meats, also causes severe dehydration.

Listeria has a greater effect on those with weakened immune systems leading to possible brain swelling or blood poisoning. E.Coli 0157:H7, also found in undercooked meats, can be fatal by causing kidney failure, anemia and internal bleeding.

Most packaging provides storage guidance and shelf life expectations. Many cook books now have chapters dealing with aspects of food safety for storage, packing and presentation. Of course the medical community is widely versed and can provide a range of advice. Don't let the uninvited guest spoil the day's outing or event. Take the few precautions necessary to ensure a safe and healthy meal.

Soaring to the level of Eagle Scout

Robins Air Force Base Boy Scout Troop 220 honored one of its own for moving up to the level of Eagle Scout on June 15.

Stephen Graul, who had been with the troop for more than three years, became one of the elite when he stepped up to the challenge to go beyond Boy Scout.

Graul is the son of Phillip and Martha Graul. Phillip works in the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate.

Courtesy photo of Stephen Graul



ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Vacation Bible school

The Robins Air Force Base Chapel's Vacation Bible School will be July 8-12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year's Vacation Bible School, themed SonCanyon River Adventure, will be held at the Lodge at Luna Lake and the Nature Center for grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Vacation Bible School is cross-denominational. Parents must register their children early at the chapel, not by phone, through June 28, 9 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Class size will be limited.

Those interested in volunteering or those with questions may call Tonya Brown at 926-2821.

Scholarship open to base employees

Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nutgeren Scholarship applications are being accepted for the academic year 2002-2003. The \$750 scholarship will be awarded to a military or civilian employee of Robins Air Force Base.

Applicants must be enrolled in an on-base educational programs. Application forms are available at the base college offices or the education and training office.

Applications must be completed and submitted to the education and training office by close of business July 19.

For more information, contact the base education and training office, Bldg. 905,

Room 113, or call 327-7304.

The scholarship was established in 1998 by the Middle Georgia Affairs Committee to honor the service of General Nutgeren as commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Base commissary to hold case lot sale

The Robins Air Force Base Commissary will conduct a case lot sale June 28 through July 3.

The commissary will be open on July 1 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The case lot sale will be ongoing on this day.

Any questions may be addressed to Larry Danforth, store director, at 926-3714.

Education office taking AWC applications

The Robins Air Force Base Education Office is now accepting enrollment applications for Air War College nonresident studies. Seminar meetings are held weekly, starting in early August and running until mid-June.

This program is open to active duty, guard, and reserve O-5 selectees or above, of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, and federal civilian employees (GS-13 or above). Sign up by July 15.

Take completed applications to Bldg. 905 or call Fran Sheridan at 327-7325 for more details.

Hot! Hot! Hot!

Black Knight ‘deployers’ face extreme heat conditions

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The beginning of summer means extreme temperatures for deployed members of the 19th Air Refueling Group—and the worst is yet to come.

Lt. Col. Tim Rose, detachment commander at the forward operating location said the temperatures in the desert have reached 118 degrees, but are expected to reach 130 in late July.

“When it is 120 degrees in the camp,” he said, “it’s 15 or 20 degrees hotter on the asphalt ramp.”

Temperatures like these pose many challenges to operators and maintainers, to include avoiding dehydration and severe sun burns. The Black Knights are taking precautions to stay safe and keep operations running smoothly.

“From the moment we landed, it was very clear that it is seriously hot here in the desert,” said 2nd Lt. Alison Thompson, navigator for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron. “We were quickly briefed that it is very important to continually drink water. In fact, during the first brief, I must have had about four bottles!”

Capt. Eric Rockhold, aircraft commander for the 99th ARS, said everyone stays out of the sun during the day to protect themselves from the elements.

However, maintainers on the flight line don’t always have this luxury.

“The maintainers drink plenty of water and

stay out of the direct sunlight as much as possible,” said Rose. “We shuttle water out to the work areas and the flight line and most of the heavy maintenance is scheduled at night when it is cooler.”

Master Sgt. Terry Price, first sergeant in the forward operating location, said he’s learned a thing or two about air conditions since he arrived.

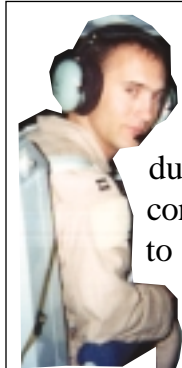
“I’ve learned a few tricks to help keep our tent air conditioner running,” he said. “civil engineering is over-worked and we need to do what we can to help.”

The heat not only affects people, but aircraft.

“Since the KC-135 has been converted to the Pacer CRAG module, they are more sensitive to the heat, just like computers,” said Rose. “Obviously the high temperatures can have an adverse affect on aircraft performance.”

Pacer CRAG, which stands for compass, radar and global positioning system, is the new glass cockpit on the KC-135 Stratotanker. Essentially, Pacer CRAG changed the old cockpit of dials and gauges to a glass cockpit with television screens.

Deployers are using innovative techniques to make operations work and conditions more bearable.



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Capt. Eric Rockhold

“When the heat is high during operations on the ground (for example during the pre-flight) air conditioning carts are used to keep the electronics from overheating,” said Rockhold. “It works pretty well.”

“We purchases some sunshades that were designed for our aircraft to keep the sun and heat out of the jet, similar to sunshades for automobiles,” said Rose.

Engine temperatures on take-off are higher in the desert heat, which may diminish the overall life of the engines, according to Rockhold.

Frequent sandstorms are also an issue, he said

“On days when the sand is blowing, people have to wear protective goggles or glasses,” said Price.

Despite the conditions the deployment is all about the right attitude, according to Thompson.

“There is plenty to do if you don’t have a bad attitude about it,” said Thompson. “The base is constantly changing and there are people who work hard to make this base more comfortable with amenities.”

Among these amenities are a morale tent with movies, a learning center, a fitness center, and a recreations center with pool tables, darts and table tennis. The services squadron also

offers morale trips to the local community.

“I went on a local fishing trip that was a blast,” said Rockhold. “It would have been a fun trip anywhere.”

The fishing trip was all day at the Gulf and included a barbeque lunch, according to Rockhold.

“The water in the gulf is just like water in the Caribbean,” he said, “I felt like we were on vacation.”

A positive attitude is keeping him sane, he said. However, Rose believes it’s doing more than that.

“It’s very refreshing to see our young airmen put the extreme weather and living conditions behind them and press forward to get the job done,” he said. “People bring the best out of each other in this kind of environment and it’s wonderful to see the team work and energy.”

While family and loved ones are what deployers are most looking forward too when coming home, some are also excited about the little things.

“I’m really looking forward to not having to hike to the bathroom and not showering with shoes on,” said Thompson.

Although temperatures may be Hot! Hot! Hot!, the Black Knights are making the most of it, according to Rose.

“Everyday people have the opportunity to make this a better place to live and work,” said Rose. “With a little imagination an good old American ingenuity, you can see the transformation daily.”

Priorities key to success on personal, work levels

If you’re like me you watch the news about three times more each day than before Sept. 11 and check different sources as well. By watching developing news stories I fully expect to head-off the unit’s next tasking — maybe anticipating a need for personnel or equipment movement and getting a jump on the need. I think we’re all a bit “spring-loaded” at the moment and it’s really no wonder, considering the two-front war we’ve been fighting day in and day out. Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle and Fundamental Justice are the focus of our efforts each day. However we also support the “normal” Air Expeditionary Force taskings with individual and full unit task code taskings around the globe. The pace of local operations and deployment taskings is record setting and we’re setting new standards for the history books. One of my concerns at this point is that we don’t become too callous or nonchalant about this operations tempo. The need to review personal, flight, squadron and group priorities is paramount and should be on-going.

Our unit has flown more than 150 percent of its normal annual flight hours and is on track to out-fly its war effort over Kosovo. We’ve also done this great feat accident free and that speaks volumes for everyone in the group. To maintain this pace, with the same level of success, we need to ensure we prioritize our tasks, time and talent. Our success to date has come at the expense of great personal sacrifice. Since Sept. 11 our unit’s members have cancelled or changed plans for 5 weddings, put undergraduate and graduate school on hold, condensed or cancelled leave, and been tasked with back to back trips to the desert.

How can you best deal with such frustrations? By prioritizing. First, keep your family matters in line. Keep your spouse aware of your job demands. Keep your finances, will, powers of attorney, and family care



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99th Air Refueling
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plans up to date. Also be sure to take advantage of what little time you get off duty and create a family outing that will be a lasting memory. This dove tails into unit priorities. Stay mentally and physically fit and keep your mobility status up to date. Prioritize your work tasks that have direct impact on the unit’s mission safety, effectiveness, and efficiency. Only then is there time to polish the process. With the Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation (ASEV) just around the corner you need to be at the top of your game in flight performance and job knowledge. Think about how your efforts help the squadron meet the group’s objectives. Look to your flight commanders and sections chiefs. Where are they spending their time and talents? Right now training, evaluation, flight records process refinement, continuity and documentation are being scrubbed for the ASEV. If you have fulfilled your other priorities then we can use your help to reach the polish phase for the ASEV. ASEV prep one of the larger near term group priorities. Down the road, look for the maintenance reorganization to take affect in October, our group to take lead at the desert task force in December, and a full unit mobilization during the AMC/IG Initial Response inspection in February. Each of these events needs your time and talent so you’ll once again have to re-evaluate your priorities to say safe and successful. Remember personal, flight, unit, and group priorities, in that order, and you and the group will continue to re-write the record books for the Black Knights.



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Tisha Wright

What a sight

Steven Hawes, a Middle Georgia Boy Scout, gets a detailed look at the boom pod on a KC-135 Stratotanker. Boom operator, Airman Paula Lane, explained the mid-air refueling process to the Scout.

Spouses get bird’s-eye view of Black Knight mission

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Spouses from the 19th Air Refueling Group received the royal treatment this month during an incentive flight, according to participants. The flight, open to all spouses in the group, provided the participants an opportunity to visually appreciate the Black Knight mission.

“It was just unbelievable and so remarkable,” said Laura Sturick. “I’ve never seen anything like that. You can’t imagine it until you see it.”

Sturick, whose husband is a maintainer for the group, said she never really understood the pressure on him to make sure the aircraft was mission capable until her flight experience.

“There was a maintenance



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Lt. Col. Joseph Rohret, far right, deputy commander of the 19th Air Refueling Group, greets spouses returning from their orientation flight. Spouses had the opportunity to see the refueling mission first hand.

problem on our aircraft after the crew had started the engines and my husband fixed it prior to take-off,”

said Sturick. “Now I know what he means when he talks about fixing things during ‘crunch time.’”

Dawn Garvey, another participant on the flight, said she also had a better understanding of the refueling mission as the result of her experience. Garvey’s husband is a civilian who works in the command post.

“When I was in the cockpit I heard the crew talking to the command post, and I thought, so that is how my husband fits into all of this.”

Amy Okasinski, whose husband is a co-pilot, said she enjoyed the opportunity to see what her husband does.

“I got to sit in the jump seat for take-off, so I got to see all the things that Joe does.”

Although he’s never done them at Robins — at least not



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Lt. Col. Dave Sprague talks with Laura Sturick following the orientation flight the 19th Air Refueling Group spouses took recently. The spouses had a full orientation on the ground prior to take off. Sturick said, “I want to show my sincere appreciation for all their work. I appreciate all the kindness and how important they made us feel as spouses.”

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she flew. In fact, the co-pilot is so new that his wife flew before he had.

While she did enjoy giving him a hard time about it, she said the most enjoyable part of the experience was laying down in the boom pod and watching the planes come up behind the aircraft.

The incentive flight involved the refueling of six F-16 Falcons from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Garvey also enjoyed watching the fighters around the aircraft. Although Garvey did spend four years on the Air Force working on the C-130 Hercules, she had never

seen a mid-air refueling.

“It was so neat to see the other planes hovering around us,” said Garvey. “It was so uniting. It was everyone working together to get it done and that is what the Air Force is all about.”

“I felt like a little kid at Disney World,” said Heather Beck whose husband works in the hazardous material pharmacy. “There were so many neat things to see and it was exciting to see how they (refuelers) play a big part in Air Force operations. Everyone depends on them.”

All participants interviewed said they would recommend the experience.

“I would recommend the

experience to anyone,” said Beck. “In fact I already have. I told another gal that she needs to go.”

While the flight was impressive, according to participants, so was the royal treatment they received from the crew.

“I really enjoyed the experience,” said Garvey. “They really made us feel special just for being spouses and it was a really nice way to involve the civilians to let us know we’re apart of the ‘team’.”

“I want to show my sincere appreciation for all their work,” said Sturick. “I appreciate all the kindness and how important they made us feel as spouses.”

KNIGHTLY NEWS BRIEFS

Black Knights shine at Airmen Leadership School

Staff Sgt. Amy McNeal, 19th Maintenance Squadron, received the academic award upon graduation from Airmen Leadership School. Senior Airman Kenny Huber from the 19th Aircraft Generation Squadron was a distinguished graduate.

OSS Changes Command

Lt. Col. John Martins, former commander of the Operations Support Squadron here, handed over command to Lt. Col. Michael Smith last week, in a ceremony in Coats Hall. Martins will depart for Brunssum in the Netherlands to be the principal staff officer to the commander of Allied Forces North in NATO. Lt. Col. Barry Dowell will be the new director of operations for the 19th OSS.

Black Knight aircrew wins 21st AF excellence award

The aircrew of Capt. Eric Pierce (aircraft

commander), Capt. Dan Haman (navigator), 1st Lt. Justin Hendricks (co-pilot), and Airman First Class Drake Dayton (boom operator), from the 99th Air Refueling Squadron won the 21st Air Force Excellence Award for the first quarter of this year. The honor was awarded to the crew for their performance in Operation Enduring Freedom. The crew sustained multiple max crew duty days in theater while performing critical combat support and combat sorties with exceptional skill and professionalism.

‘JRX’ hones Black Knights for real-world deployment, missions

Black Knights are currently involved in an exercise that mimics real-world, short notice deployments and missions. The two-week special operations exercise involves various career designations including intelligence personnel, pilots, navigators, weather personnel and maintainers.